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1. claims: 1-9

Stimulator with user interface for activation zone control

2. claims: 1,10,21,22

Stimulator with means for transmitting, processing and
storing results

3. claims: 1,11-16

Stimulator with support member for array of stimulator
elements

4. claims: 1,17

Stimulator with vibrator

5. claims: 1,20-22

Stimulator with stimulation intensity and time control

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